

Thursday, September 30. 1708.

London, September 30.

Yesterday arriv'd the Mail from Holland of Friday last.

A Letter to the States General from the Prince of Hesse.

THE 27th Instant I did my self the Honour to acquaint your High Mightinesses how far the Works against this City were advanc'd; there has been no Alteration since; our Men continue working to perfect the Mines in the Tenailles, and to carry on the Saps to the Cover'd-Way.

Yesterday towards the Evening we heard a great Blow, which we suppos'd to be a Mine; half an Hour after another Crack was heard; and at Midnight such a Blast, that the Ground shook with it. This alarm'd the whole Army; I went to the Right, from whence the Noise came, (having first given Order to all the Cavalry under my Command to Saddle and Mount,) and found that a great Detachment of the Enemy (as your High Mightinesses may see by the subjoin'd List,) coming from Doway, had endeavour'd to break through at the Aperture of the Line of Circumvallation on the High-Way between Doway and Lille, where the Palatine Horse is encamp'd: Part of them having pass'd, and our Men putting themselves in a Posture to oppose them, the Bags of Powder, which most of the French Horse and Dragoons had behind them of about 50 pound weight each took Fire, which made a terrible Noise among them: The foremost of them, upon this Accident, rid full Gallop towards the City; but before they got thither they had the like disaster, just as they arriv'd at the Barrier; occasion'd probably, either by their Horses Shoes striking on the Pavement, or by the sparks of the first Fire falling on their Men who were not aware of it. 'Tis said that at least 100 of them were by this Means destroy'd just at the Gate; and doubtless this was the last Burst we heard. 30 or 60 were thus torn in Pieces at the Aperture where they enter'd the Line; and 'tis frightful to see mangled Carcasses of Men and Horses, Heads, Arms, Legs, half burnt, scatter'd on the Ground. Those of them who were behind fled back with all the speed they could; I caus'd them to be pursu'd, but 'twas impossible to overtake them. On the Road, all along for two Leagues from the Camp, were found Bags of Powder, Swords, Pistols, and loose Powder; which were sufficient signs of the Precipitation with which they retir'd. Our Hessian Hosts set Fire to several Bags of Powder which they found in their Retreat from the Pursuit of the Enemy. 'Tis reckon'd that about 300 of the Enemy might get into the Town, with a little Powder, to ballance the Loss they sustain'd: In the mean time 'tis plain the Besiegers begin to want this Ingredient so very necessary for their Defence.

I doubt not your High Mightinesses have an express Account of the Advantage which the Troops newly arriv'd from England, supported by those which were detach'd with Major General Cadogan from our Army, have obtain'd on the Canal of Ostend and Newport, over the Duke of Berwick, who attack'd them. The great Convoy arriv'd safe Yesterday at Menin. I congratulate your High Mightinesses both on the one and on the other, and remain with deep Respect,

High and Mighty Lords,

From the Camp before Lille, Your High Mightinesses humble and obedient Servant,
Sept. 29. 1708. Frederick Prince of Hesse.

A List of the Enemy's Troops, which endeavour'd to throw themselves into Lille the Night between the 28th and 29th of September.

The Chevalier de Luxembourg, and under him M. Tournefort.

- 400 Horse in the Vanguard.
- 252 Grenadiers on Horseback.
- 2 Squadrons of Dragoons.
- 2 - - - - of Burgundy.
- 1 - - - - of St. Aignan.

- 2 - - - - of Mortoville.
- 2 - - - - of Fontaine.
- 1 - - - - of Bretoche.
- 2 - - - - of Terneau.
- 2 - - - - of Forceaque.

Note, we took some Officers, and about 25 private Men Prisoners. On our Side we had not one Man kill'd or wounded.

From the Amsterdam and Leiden Gazette, dated Oct. 5.

From the Camp of the Allies at Roncy, Sept. 29. The Detachment of the Enemy of about 2000 Horse, who attempted to throw themselves into Lille, had Order not to march upon the pav'd Road, and to use all other Caution that the Powder which they had behind them might not take Fire: But notwithstanding all their Care, a whole Troop of the Regiment of St. Aignan, (as the Major who was taken Prisoner reports,) were blown in Pieces near Pont a Rache; and we heard the Noise of the Blast hither, without knowing then what it was. After part of this Detachment enter'd the Line of Circumvallation about Lille, and the Regiment of Wirgenstein and Fehlen fir'd on them, another Troop was destroy'd by the blowing up of their Powder; as were others by the like Disaster, at the Barriere of the Town. Some of those who got into the Town, as well as those who fled back to Doway, threw away their Powder; being fear'd by the Misfortune of their Comrades, which is attributed in great Measure to the Imprudence of putting Powder into single Bags of Linnen.

The Paris Letter of Oct. 1. says, that of 2500 Horse sent with Powder to Lille the Night between the 27th and 28th of September, 7 or 8 happen'd to be destroy'd by the Powder behind them catching from the close Fire made at them by the Besiegers; that 2000 got into Lille with 60 pound of Powder each, making in all 120000 Weight, and that the rest retir'd to Doway. That since the Siege began, the Besiegers have lost 6 Lieutenants General; 18 Majors General and Brigadiers; 800 Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, or Captains; 1800 Subaltern-Officers; 60 Ingenieurs, (and have but 8 left;) and 16000 Soldiers, kill'd or wounded.

A Letter to the Lord Register Hagel.

Right Noble, &c.

Sir,

Yesterday in the Afternoon, we receiv'd by two successive Couriers, dispatch'd from the Army under the Prince and Duke of Marlborough, the welcome News, that the Count de la Mothe, with 30 Battalions and 40 Squadrons, attempting to intercept the Convoy from Ostend, was defeated by the Troops of the Allies appointed for its Security, who were about one third inferior in Number, and put to flight. Letters from Ghent which arriv'd last Night inform us, that this Action, which happen'd within half a League of Tourout, fell very heavy on the Spanish Troops who were posted in the Enemy's right Wing; most of the chief Officers and Persons of Quality of that Nation being kill'd or wounded, as your Nobleness may see by the List, which I do my self the Honour to subjoin hereto, and which was sent to me from Ghent by a trusty Person, who at the same time has inform'd me, that the Spanish Officers who came off murmur very much against the French, who according to their wonted Manner did not only expose them to the greatest Danger, but afterwards reproach'd them with the ill Success of the Enterprize.

The Slayce at the three Fountains was perfectly repair'd the Day before Yesterday, when the Vessels began to pass on our Canal: The same Day the Regiment of Uffel march'd from hence for Den-dernonde.

I remain, &c.

Brussels, Oct. 1. 1708.

M, Gallieris.

A List of the most eminent Officers of the Spanish Troops, who were kill'd or wounded in the Action near Tourout.

M. de Pantocha, Nephew of Cardinal Portocarrero, kill'd.

M. Grimaldi, who lately came from Spain, a Colonel, kill'd.

The Count de Copigny, kill'd.

Wounded.

M. de Carraculi, Colonel of Horse:

The Marquis de Wemmel, Brigadier, dangerously wounded, his Thigh being broken.

The Baron de Læer, Brigadier, shot into the Belly,

The Marquis d'Aquaviva, Colonel, receiv'd a Contusion in his Neck.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Oct. 5.

From the Flying Camp near Moorlele, Oct. 1. Major General Webb being detach'd the 26th of last Month, with the Brigadier Nassau-Woudenbourg and 12 Battalions, encamp'd the same Night at Moorlele. The 27th we march'd beyond Rouffelaer towards Tourout, and on the way were join'd by 12 other Battalions, besides 38 Squadrons commanded by Major General Cadogan. We halted there, to wait for the Convoy from Ostend.

The 28th in the Morning we lay still, having no News of the Motions of the Enemy; for which Reason Major General Cadogan left us, to march towards Rouffelaer with the Cavalry, except 3 Battalions which he order'd to stay with us. About Noon we receiv'd Advice that the Enemy were marching to attack our Convoy; whereupon Major General Webb caus'd us to march towards the Castle of Wynendale: We were drawn up in 3 Lines, and the Regiment of Heuckelum, commanded by Colonel Benthem, march'd on the Right of the Wood, in order to take the Enemy in Flank when they should attack our Line. We had not been above a Quarter of an Hour in Order of Battle, when the Enemy appear'd in very good Order: We stood firm to receive them. As they advanc'd against us they made a sudden Halt, and the Soldiers throwing up their Hats, cried *for our King*; our Men answer'd them with a cheerful Shout, the Regiment of Heuckelum excepted, which Colonel Benthem forbid to follow that they might not be discover'd.

About 4 in the Afternoon the Enemy began to cannonade us; and about 5 their left Wing advanc'd against our right: When they were within Musket-shot and had made one Discharge, a Detachment of the Regiment of Fagel and 40 Grenadiers who were in the Wood, fired with good Execution; and the Regiment of Heuckelum taking them at the same time in Flank, kill'd them a great many Men, and made them wheel off to the Right.

The Regiment of Fagel advanc'd, and charg'd the Enemy with so great Vigour, that they were forc'd to retire; and their Room being supply'd with new Troops, the Regiment of Fagel continu'd to charge them; till having no more Powder and Ball left, that Regiment was reliev'd by other Troops, who charg'd the Enemy above an Hour; and the Enemy finding the like Reception every where, thought fit to draw off about 9 at Night, leaving us Masters of the Field of Battle.

The Enemy's Dragoons attack'd us likewise, but we made such a terrible Discharge on them that they lost a great many Horses and retir'd. We staid till about half an Hour past 11 at Night on the Field of Battle. Then we march'd towards Rouffelaer: Our Cavalry, who were with the Convoy, join'd us on the Way. We had about 8 or 900 Men kill'd or wounded. The Regiment of Dedem, who did their Duty perfectly well, had near 100 Men disabled.

The Regiment of Fagel had 81 Men kill'd or wounded; among the latter are Colonel Welderen, the Adjutant, 7 Lieutenants, and 2 Ensigns. Colonel Benthem distinguish'd himself extremely, as did the other Officers: The Regiment of Heuckelum did the Enemy much Damage, and lost but few Men. Of our 24 Battalions 7 were not engag'd. The Enemy had 40 Battalions, 21 Squadrons of Horse, and 26 of Dragoons, and lost thence the Number of Men we did. The 29th we came back to the Camp of Moorlele, where the 12 Battalions commanded by Major General Webb will remain some Days. The other 12 Battalions have rejoin'd the grand Army, and the Convoy is arriv'd safe in the Camp before Lille.

Order'd yesterday the Enemy made extraordinary Efforts in this Action, returning very often to the Charge, (the Amsterdam Courant says 9 times;) but the Foot of the Allies giving their Fire in Platoon, in so good Order as if they had been only Exercising, made such Havock among them, that at last they were quite dishearten'd, and would not be brought on by their Officers. The French Dragoons, and the Spanish Regiments, suffer'd most: And the Enemy's Loss was not less than 3000 Men kill'd or wounded. The Spaniards exclaim against the Count de la Mothe, and say he is not fit to command a Body of Men.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Oct. 5.

Paris, Oct. 1. The 30th Advice was brought by a Courier, that the Besiegers of Lille had receiv'd the

Convoy they expected from Ostend; after a Detachment from the grand Army of the Allies had defeated a Body of Troops under the C. de la Mothe. 'Tis given out that in that Action 1800 of our Men were kill'd or wounded; but 'tis believ'd the Enemy's Loss was considerable likewise, because the Dutch Foot were engag'd 2 Hours against the Spanish Troops, who acquitted themselves with extraordinary Bravery, several of their most eminent Officers being kill'd.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Oct. 8.

Ghent, Oct. 3. Yesterday and the Day before some Vessels arriv'd here with wounded Men from Bruges; in which Town are so many wounded, that several have perish'd in the Streets. The Baron de Læer, died of his wound in Bruges the Day after the Action at Wynendale, and his Corpse is brought hither to be interr'd among his Ancestors. Yesterday the Duke of Vendome came hither, din'd with the Baron de Capres, and afterwards set out for Bruges, as well to see what Condition that Town is in, as to view the Fort which the Allies are building at Lessingen. On Sunday last, Colonel Aquaviva, who was wounded at Wynendale, was brought hither, as was the next Day Colonel Pantocha, who was also wounded there. Colonel Betis was kill'd in that Action, as were also the Lieutenant-Colonel and Major of the Regiment of Pantocha; and 8 Captains of that Regiment were kill'd or wounded.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Oct. 4.

Brussels, Oct. 1. The Artillery and Ammunition which had been ready here for some time to be sent to the Army, are put on Board several Vessels, to be sent by our Canal to Antwerp, thence to proceed to Ostend. On Intelligence that the Enemy had form'd a Design against Dendermonde, the Regiment of Uffel is sent thither.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Octob. 6.

Brussels, Octob. 4. The Vessels sent from hence for Ostend with Ammunition &c. are pass'd safe by Antwerp. From Ostend the said Stores will be convey'd to the Army before Lille.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated Octob. 5.

Bruges, Octob. 2. The French give out here, that the Convoy which the Besiegers of Lille have receiv'd from Ostend, is not sufficient to serve them till both the Town and Citadel are taken; and that the Count de la Mothe is encamp'd with his Troops between Oudenbourg and Snarekenskercke on the Canal of Newport, to prevent the Passage of another Convoy from Ostend to the Enemy.

From the Army of the Allies commanded by the Duke of Marlborough, encamp'd at Roncq, Octob. 4. Two Days ago 8 Battalions march'd from our Army, to post themselves on the Side of the Causeys from Daway and Arras to Lille, in order to prevent any Succours being sent that Way into Lille. Prince Eugene is so well recover'd of his Wound, that he has appear'd abroad for 2 or 3 Days past. 650 Dragoons are sent from our Army, to reinforce the Body commanded by General Erle, and preserve our Communication with Ostend. 300 Grenadiers being detach'd from our Army to the Camp before Lille, to join the Troops appointed for the Attack of the Ravelin on the Right, the Assault was given Yesterday about Noon, and by half an Hour after the Enemy were beaten from behind the two Traverses; and our Men carried the two Counterguards of the Ravelin, and made a good Lodgement. Those of the Enemy who were not kill'd in the Action, were forc'd to leap into the Water, where few escap'd being Shot. Nothing remains now, but to fill the Ditch and give a general Assault.

For the Entertainment of several Foreigners lately arriv'd.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Thursday, being the 30th of September, will be presented a Play call'd, The Indian Emperour, or, The Conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards. The parts of Cortez by Mr. Thurmond, (being the first time of his performing it in England) Montezuma by Mr. Keene, Orbellen by Mr. Husband, Guionar by Mr. Nickerstaffe, Cydaria by Mrs. Bradshaw, Almeria by Mrs. Knight, Alibek by Mrs. Rogers, and all the other parts to the best Advantage.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Linnet next Nardo's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

FOR SALE BY THE CANDLE.

This Day the 30th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard-street, 11 Pipes of Red and White Lisbon, 20 Pipes of Red and White Oporto Wine, 6 Hods and Villages of Oporto Stump, in a Warehouse N° 9, fronting the Dock at Brewer's-Key: And 5 Pipes of Red, 4 Pipes of Stump, and 24 Pipes of White Viana Wine, in a Cellar, N° 4, fronting the Thames at Brewer's-Key. To be seen at the usual Hours till the time of Sale. Sold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker.

New Anchovies to be Sold at the Dolphin in Houndsditch, near Gravel-Lane-end, at 8 d. a Pound, and Allowance to such as take a quantity.